## **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-28**

## RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE 2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS.

WHEREAS, the official U. S. Censes is described in Article I Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it calls for an actual enumeration of the people every ten years, to be used for apportionment of seats in the House of Representatives among the states; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau has responsibility to produce small-area population data needed to redraw state legislative, congressional, county commission, school board, and other offices elected by districts; and

WHEREAS, Census data is used to distribute funds for government programs such as Medicaid, planning the right locations for schools, roads and other public facilities; helping real estate agents and potential residents learn about a neighborhood; and identifying trends over time to predict future needs; and

WHEREAS, many shared revenues allocated by the state and federal governments to the county and cities of the county are per capita based; and

WHEREAS, the population of Weakley County is projected to have decreased by 1,520 or a loss of 4.4%, which if correct, would have a negative effect on county and municipal state shared revenues.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 22nd day of March, 2010 in Dresden, Tennessee that each citizen of Weakley County is encouraged to fully participate when questionnaires are mailed and to return them by April 1<sup>st</sup> in order for Weakley County to qualify for all federal and state shared revenues to which it is entitled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all civic organizations and the news media of Weakley County are requested to let the public know the importance of being fully cooperative when the decennial census is taken.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Chairman, Health, Edu, & Economic Development Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Westbrook that the foregoing resolution be adopted:	
Motion seconded by Commissioner Farmer	
Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion <u>carried</u> by a vote of <u>17</u> Yeas, <u>0</u> Nays,	
Passed and 1 Absent.	
ATTESTED:  Att Starluger  Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk	APPROVED:  Richard Phebus, Chairman
This the 22nd Day of March 2010.	
APPROVED:	VETOED:
Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor	Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor
DATE: 03-23-10	DATE: